limit.   If you do not raise the limit, sometimes counties are
besieged with   requirements   for   specifications   and   for
contracting that do nothing towards the efficiency and the
enhancement of the project but rather tie everything up into a
bureaucracy that costs more to the counties and, therefore, the
taxpayers, by going through extensive specifications of projects
that will lend themselves to competitive, open bidding than the
project itself might cost. Especially when you get down in the
lower areas of 5, 10, 15 thousand dollars, it could take an
engineer or a group of county employees that much time in
salaries to put together a set of specifications to designate
what the project was going to be and exactly how it was going to
be performed and cost so much time and money to the county that
it just is inefficient to do so. So the limit of the 40,000 or
the 60,000, I would admit, is quite arbitrary and I recognize
that inflation should allow for some increase, but I am a little
hesitant towards supporting the bill.   In any case, the
amendment that I do offer I offer as a friendly amendment to the
bill and only as a clarification to what I think the real intent
of the original legislation was.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.   Senator Lamb, please, on the Hannibal
amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I rise to support the
amendment.   On the surface of it, at least, I see nothing wrong
with it.   I think it does clarify the language in the bill, but
it is language that is already in statute. It is not clarifying
anything that the bill does or the committee amendment. It is
clarifying what has been on the books for a long time, but it
does look as if it would be beneficial.

PRESIDENT: Thank you.   Senator Hannibal, did you wish to close
on your amendment?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Mr. President, no further comments, except
only to reiterate what the amendment does do because I know some
people are asking me now what it does do. Only changes one word
in the bill, and it is old language in the bill. It refers to
the word "instance" on page 2 line 9.   I'm changing that to
read "project" so that there would be less confusion as to
whether a project could be stockpiled by having purchased
materials in several instances until you get enough to complete
a project. We're changing the word "instance" to "project".